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ROADWATCH: Week of May 8 - 14

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

INTERSTATE 81

* **INTERSTATE 81 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in the Roanoke and New River valleys. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during nighttime hours in Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery and Pulaski counties. Work is tentatively planned for Wednesday, May 12.

* **INTERSTATE 81 LIGHTING REPAIRS** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 118 and 119 in Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible shoulder closures on weeknights.

* **INTERSTATE 81 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work to remove rocks may cause shoulder closures along southbound I-81 in Montgomery County between mile markers 118 and 128 during daylight hours. In addition, nighttime lane closures may be in place at mile marker 109 on the exit ramps.

* **I-81 PAVEMENT REPAIRS & GUARDRAIL UPGRADES** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for repairs and paving on a section of southbound I-81 between mile marker 151 and 156 in Botetourt County. Work will be performed during night time hours between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights. Right shoulder closures may occur during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for guardrail work. Estimated completion is October 2010.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Monday, May 10, the I-81 bridge over Mason Creek and Route 630 in Roanoke County will be inspected. The inspection will cause various lane closures on northbound and southbound I-81 at mile marker 141.7 from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m.

* **ROUTE 232 BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 81 INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, May 9, the Route 232 bridge over I-81 in Montgomery County will be inspected. The bridge is located near Radford. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on northbound and southbound I-81 between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE REPAIR** – Nighttime lane closures on weeknights may be in place on northbound I-81 at mile marker 139 in Roanoke County due to bridge repairs.

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ROANOKE

* I-581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY POTHOLE PATCHING – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound I-581/Route 220 Expressway in Roanoke due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during nighttime hours. Work is tentatively planned for Tuesday, May 11.

* ROUTE 220 PAVEMENT REPAIRS – Work to replace sections of pavement on Route 220 Expressway may cause nighttime lane closures on weeknights between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Expect various lane closures. Work is tentatively planned for Wednesday, May 12 and Thursday, May 13.

*** INTERSTATE 581 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Nighttime lane closures on weeknights may be in place on northbound I-581 due to repairs on the bridge over Campbell Avenue.

ROANOKE COUNTY

*** ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 221 PAVING** – Work to pave and install utility pipes along Route 221 at the corner of Colonial Avenue may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

*** ROUTE 311 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work to repair shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 419 and Route 912 (Absolam Smith Road). Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010.

*** ROUTE 623 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Weather permitting, the shoulder will be closed along Route 623 (Dent Road) between Airport Road and Route 822 (Pendleton Avenue) during daylight hours between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

*** ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chestnut Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

* PAVEMENT PATCHING – Weather permitting, crews will patch pavement on various routes in Roanoke County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on the following roads: Route 621 (Roaring Run Road), Route 624 (Newport Road), Route 634 (Hardy Road) and Route 663 (Rakes Road).

* MOWING – Work to mow various primary roads may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures on the following primary roads: Route 11, Route 24, Route 115 (Plantation Road), Route 116 (Jae Valley Road), Route 117 (Peters Creek Road), Route 220.

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* **STREET SWEEPING** – Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic along various subdivision streets during daytime hours on weekdays due to street sweeping. Work is tentatively planned on Routes 1524 (North Lakes Road), Route 628 (Woodhaven Road), Route 1170 (Green Ridge Road) and Route 1721 (Montclair Road).

* **DITCH AND SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on shoulders or ditches along various secondary roads. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively planned on Route 727 (Berrybrook Drive).

BEDFORD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 221 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, the Route 221 bridge over Big Otter Creek will be patched. The bridge is located about 0.1 mile from Route 670. Work may cause lane closures on Route 221, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

* **ROUTE 460 MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow on along Route 460. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Route 43 due to pavement patching. Pavement patching is tentatively planned on Route 638 (Charlemont Road) and Route 784 (Nicolopolis Drive). Flaggers may direct traffic on these routes during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **ROUTE 644 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work is under way to replace the bridge on Route 644 over Elk Creek. Work will include removing the existing one lane bridge and replacing it with a two lane bridge at a new location. Motorist should watch for temporary lane closures and flaggers at various times. Estimated completion is July 2011.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along various routes. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on these routes:

- Route 684 (Rocky Ford Road)
- Route 732 (Clover Creek Road)
- Route 739 (Fairview Church Road)
- Route 755 (Simmons Mill Road)

* **SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on shoulders along various secondary roads. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively planned for Route 695 (Goose Valley Creek Road), Route 754 (Saunders Grove Road), and Route 755 (Nemmo Road).

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 PAVING AND GUARDRAIL WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place at various lane locations on northbound and southbound Route 220 between Fincastle and Iron Gate. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in August.

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* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, the Route 11 bridge over the James River will be patched. The bridge is located near Buchanan. Work may cause lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 11, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be making shoulder repairs along Route 220 (Roanoke Road) at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for shoulder closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **MOWING** – Work to mow various primary roads may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures on the following primary roads: Route 220 Alternate, Route 11, Route 460, Diamond Hill Road and Purgatory Mountain Road.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews will patch pavement on various routes in Botetourt County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on the following roads: Route 607 (Archway Road), Route 615 (Craig Creek Road) and Route 779 (Catawba Road).

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews are beginning work on the I-77 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek. The bridge is located at mile maker 13. On northbound and southbound I-77, shoulder closures may be in place during daytime hours between mile markers 11 and 16 and possible left lane closures may occur during nighttime hours.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner's Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Carroll County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

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CRAIG COUNTY

* **BRUSH CUTTING** – Crews will be cutting brush along several secondary roads. Watch for workers along the road shoulders and possible lane closures. Work is scheduled on Route 622, Route 628, Route 630, Route 632 and Route 658.

FLOYD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 787 BRIDGE REPAIR** – Weather permitting, the Route 787 bridge over the Big Indian Creek will be patched. The bridge is located near Route 787's intersection with Route 740. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, pavement patching is tentatively planned on Route 615, Route 681 and Route 813. Flaggers may direct traffic on these routes during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Work is tentatively planned for routes 601, 603, 629, 700, 728, 742, 745, 814 and 824.

* **ROUTE 730 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will place shoulder stone along Route 730. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 814 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Flaggers may direct traffic on Route 814 during daylight hours on weekdays due to work to replace a pipe.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on shoulders along Route 220 between Route 40 and the Henry County line. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 122 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 122 Halesford bridge over the Roanoke River. Crews may be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition, nighttime lane closures are planned for Monday, May 10. Flaggers will control traffic at times.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 613 (Naff Road)
- Route 646/676 (Doe Run Road)
- Route 707 (Muse Field Road)
- Route 713 (Power Dam Road)
- Route 832 (Ledbetter Road)

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads. Watch for flaggers on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Work is tentatively planned on Route 839/936 (Greenhouse Road), Route 715 (Chestnut Mountain Road) and Route 931 (Fralin Road).

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GILES COUNTY

* **ROUTE 100 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Crews will be performing deck patching on the bridge over Walker Creek on Route 100. Flaggers may control traffic at times, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

* **ROUTE 100 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on shoulders along Route 100. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch two bridges on Route 460 bridges. The bridges cross the New River and the railroad tracks. Crews may be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lane closures will be in place at times.

* **ROUTE 635 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Crews have begun repairs on the bridge over Stoney Creek. The bridge is located about 0.5 mile north of Kimbleton Lime Plant. Crews will be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane across the bridge and controlled by signals. Estimated completion is July 2010.

* **DITCH AND SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on shoulders or ditches along various secondary roads. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively planned on Route 647 and Route 717.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads during daylight hours. Work is tentatively planned on Route 713 and Route 804. Watch for signs and flaggers.

HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS PAVING** – Weather permitting, nighttime lane closures may be in place for paving on northbound and southbound Route 220 Business starting at its intersection with Route 58 and extending 3.4 miles to just south of Martinsville Speedway. This section of Route 220 Business is located south of Martinsville near the Cloverleaf shopping center. Paving will be performed during nighttime hours, Monday through Friday, from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. until completed. Motorists should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. In addition, Route 639 beneath the bridge will be closed daily as needed during daylight hours and reopened by 5:30 p.m. each evening. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

* **ROUTE 220 MEDIAN INSTALLATION** – Work to install a concrete median at the Dyer Street intersection near Bassett Forks continues. Starting next week, Route 220 will be reduced to one lane in each direction in this work zone. The left northbound lane and the left southbound lane will be closed. These lanes are expected to remain closed until sometime in June.

* **ROUTE 58 BUSINESS PAVING** – No work is scheduled this week.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Henry County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

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*** ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* ROUTE 412 BRIDGE INSPECTION OVER ROUTE 460 – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, May 11, the Route 412 (Prices Fork Road) bridge over Route 460 in Blacksburg will be inspected. The inspection will cause various nighttime lane closures beneath the bridge on eastbound and westbound Route 460 during the inspection from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

*** ROUTE 460 BYPASS LIGHTING REPAIR** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above the Route 460 Bypass. Drivers should expect possible nighttime lane closures on weeknights on eastbound and westbound Route 460 Bypass.

*** ROUTE 460 DRAINAGE REPAIRS** – Work to repair drainage structures may cause shoulder closures on the Route 460 Bypass in the New River Valley. Work may be performed during daylight hours and cause shoulder closures.

* ROUTE 460 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Sunday, May 9, the Route 460 bridge the railroad tracks will be inspected. The bridge is located near Christiansburg. The inspection will cause various lane closures on eastbound and westbound Route 460 during the inspection from 7 a.m. to noon.

* ROUTE 114 DITCHING – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 114. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

*** ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

* ROUTE 621 PIPE REPLACEMENT – Beginning Tuesday, May 11, through Thursday, May 13, a portion of Route 621 (Craig's Creek Road) in Montgomery County will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. The section of Route 621 starts one mile west of the Craig County line. Weather permitting, crews will be replacing pipe in this area. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes around the closure

* PAVEMENT PATCHING – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays. Work is tentatively scheduled for Flanagan Drive, Route 657, Route 658, Route 693 and Route 785.

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* **ROUTE 1246 DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 1246. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads during daylight hours on weekdays. Work is tentatively planned on Route 716 and Route 931 (Fralin Road). Watch for flaggers.

PATRICK COUNTY

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

PULASKI COUNTY

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to patch pavement on various secondary roads throughout Pulaski County. Watch for signs and expect possible delays.

* **OLD ROUTE 100 ROAD DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on Old Route 100 Road. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 643 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on Route 643 (Thornspring Road) due to bridge repairs.

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